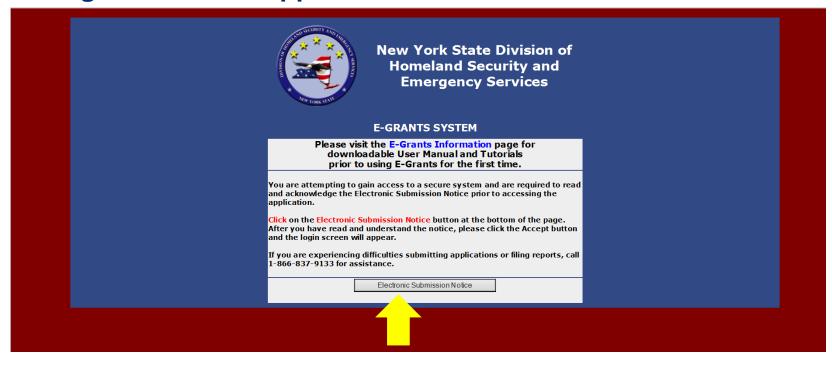


Tutorial – Creating an E-Grants Application

2023 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP)
Operations Grant Program

To access DHSES E-Grants you must have a Username and Password. Please contact DHSES at grant.info@dhses.ny.gov if you need to request a username and password.

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Click on the Electronic Submission Notice.



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Electronic Submission Notice

The New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) encourages the electronic submission of applications for grant funding as this method expedites the process, reduces the amount of paper materials involved in the grant award process, and minimizes the possibility of clerical errors.

By submitting an application electronically through E-Grants, it is unnecessary to forward any materials to DHSES. However, by submitting electronically, the applicant agrees that

- 1. The application is made with the full knowledge and consent of the official authorized to enter into contracts on behalf of the municipality or agency and agrees to comply with the requirements set forth in 'New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Certified Assurances for Federally-supported Projects: Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements'
- 2. Upon receiving an award, the applicant shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local statutes, rules and regulations and
- 3. Once the applicant receives an award, a contract will be developed based upon the information contained within the application, but the fully executed contract is the only document binding on the narties.

Before any application is submitted by a municipality or agency, the authorized signing official should read and agree to abide by provisions of the following documents which become a part of resulting contracts:

- 1. 'Appendix A: Standard Clauses for all New York State Contracts' and
- 2. 'Appendix A1: Agency-specific Clauses' (for DHSES).
- 3. 'Appendix C: Payment and Reporting Schedule'

It is important to note that DHSES may suspend funding, in whole or in part, terminate funding for, or impose another sanction on a grantee if it appears that the electronic submission of an application did not comply with the above requirements.

DHSES strongly recommends that the applicant

- 1. Print the pertinent documents listed above accessible at http://www.dhses.ny.gov/grants/
- 2. Ensure review of the documents and signed approval by the authorized signing official.
- 3. Retain the documents for future reference. Do not send them to DHSES.

If an award is made and a contract is subsequently developed from the application, the contract package that is sent to the official for signature will contain the required documents.





The Electronic Submission Notice must be read and acknowledged before accessing the system. Once you have read the notice, please click the *Accept* button and the login screen will appear.

HINT: Since this is a web-based system you will be timed out after 30 minutes of inactivity and will lose any unsaved material. Hit *SAVE* often. Also, if you have a lot of narrative to enter into E-Grants, type the information into a Word file and then copy and paste the verbiage into E-Grants.



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HINT: Since this is a web-based system you will be timed out after 30 minutes of inactivity and will lose any unsaved material. Hit *SAVE* often. If you see either of the messages below it means that you have timed out. You must log back into E-Grants in resume your application.

Message #1

DHSES E-Grants E-Grants System

E-Grants is currently unavailable.

E-Grants should be accessible shortly. We apologize for the inconvenience.

New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services 1220 Washington Avenue Extension Building 7A

Albany, New York 12242 Phone: 1-866-837-9133

e-mail: grant.info@dhses.ny.gov

Message #2

The session has timed out or you are not logged in.

Click here to log back in.



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

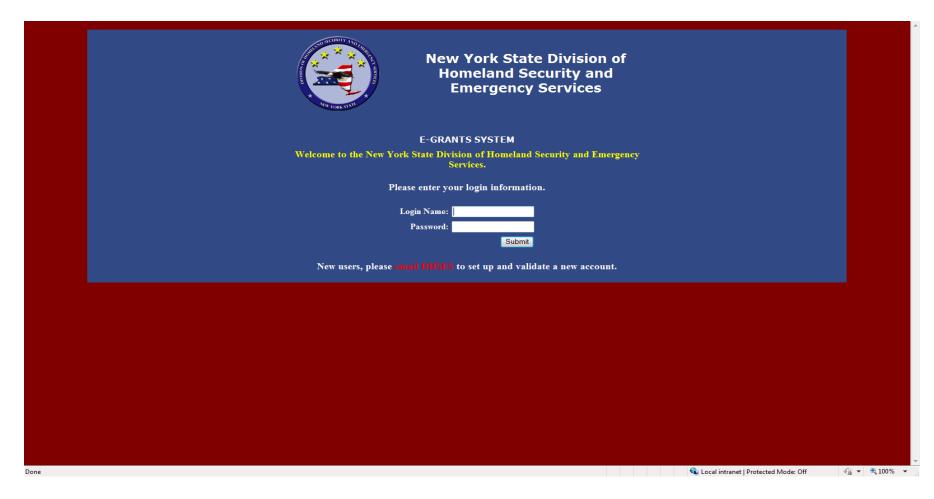
Do not open two E-Grants windows at the same time to copy information from one application into another.

If you want to copy and paste information from a previous E-Grants application, please copy the information into a Word document first. It can cause system errors that may affect your grant application if you have two E-Grants windows open at the same time.

Hint: See slide 61 for instructions on how to view and print your entire application.



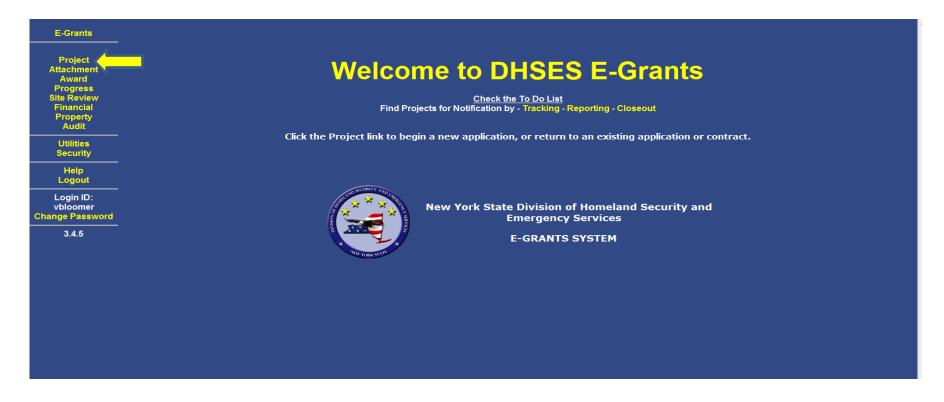
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Enter your Login Name, Password and click on the Submit button.



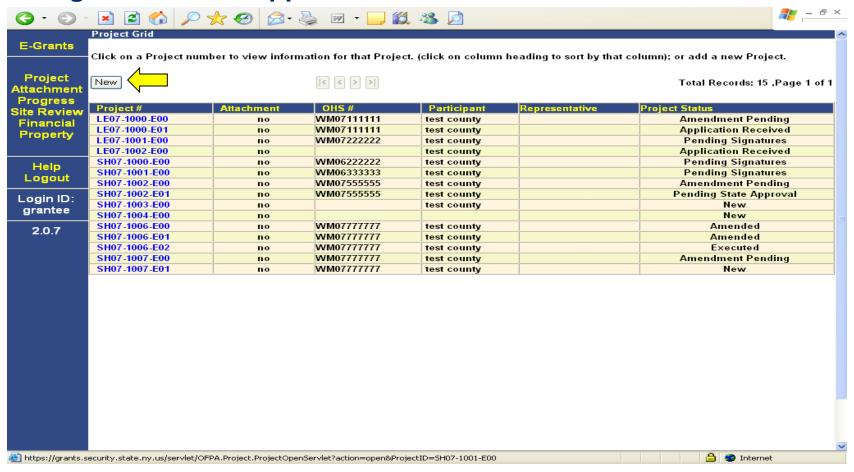
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Once you have logged in, the Welcome to E-Grants page will be displayed. Select **Project** from the left menu frame to open the list of projects that match the access rights of the user or to create a new project.



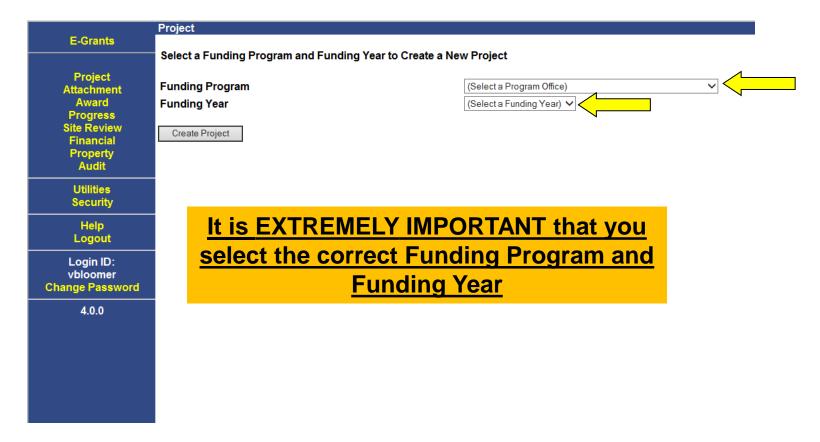
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A list of currently active projects will be displayed. The grid will be empty if there are no projects associated with the user. Click **New** to begin entering a new project.



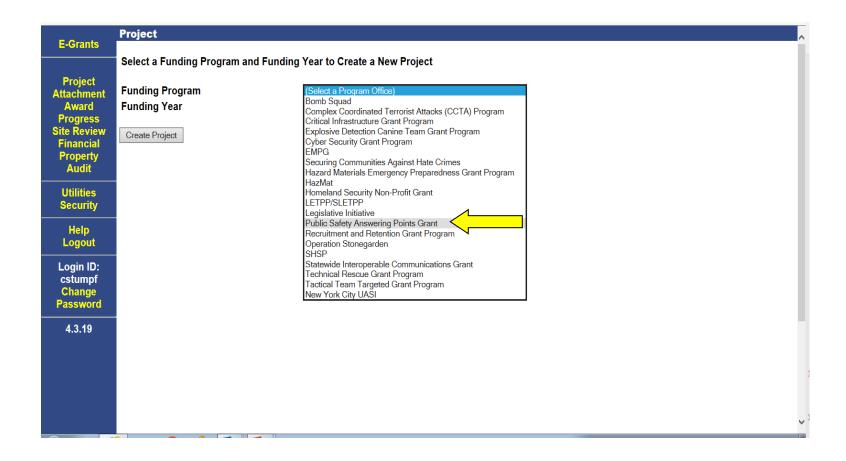
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To start a new application, you will need to select a funding program and funding year from the drop-down boxes. See next two slides for instructions.



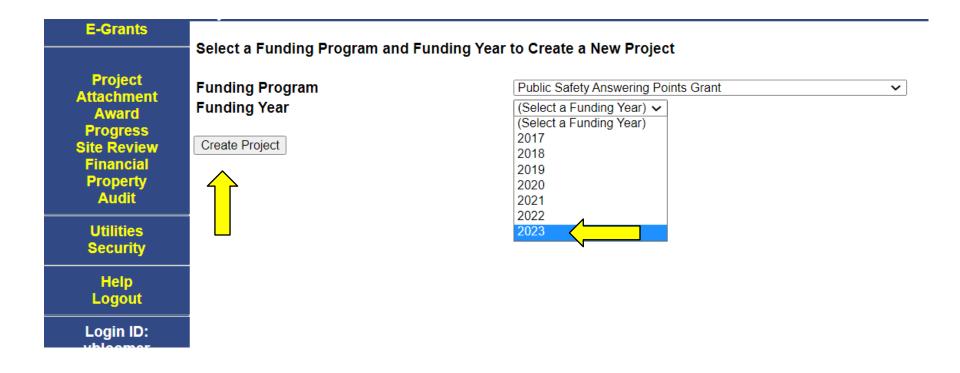
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Select **Public Safety Answering Points Grant** from the drop-down box



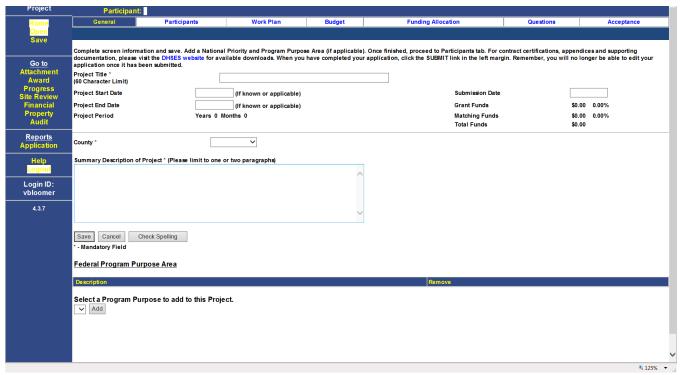
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Select <u>2023</u> from the Funding Year drop- down box and click *Create Project* Button. *Click OK* in the pop-up box.



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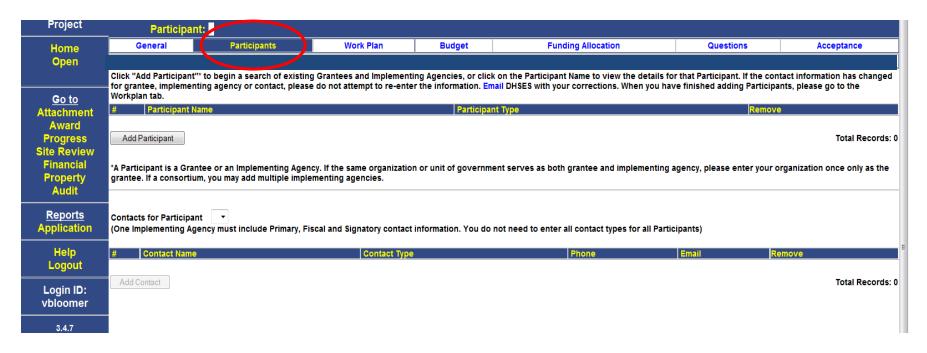
This is the General Tab. Enter the following mandatory fields:

- Project title FY2023 Public Safety Answering Point Grant
- County
- Summary Description of the Project Brief description of the Project
- Project Start Date: 01/01/2023
- Project End Date: 12/31/2023

When completed, click on the *Save* button at the bottom of the page or the *Save* option in the left frame.



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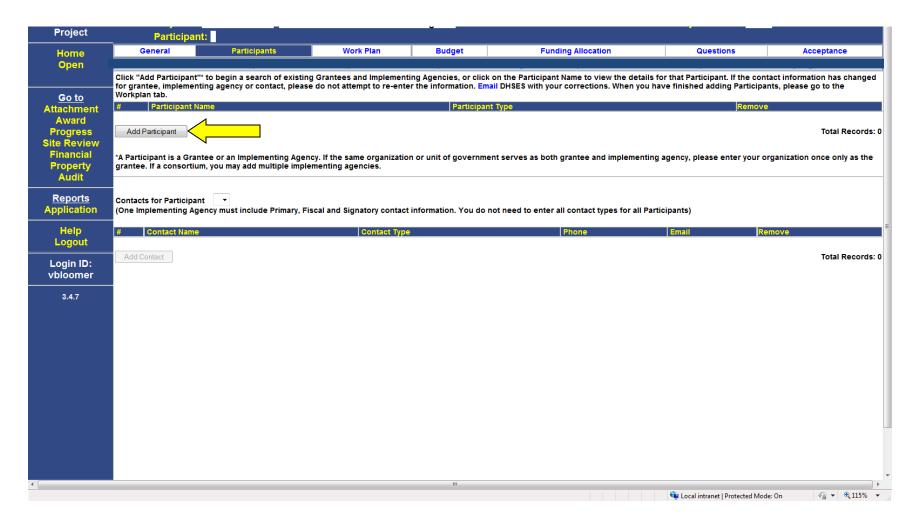


Now click on the Participants tab. Participants can be "Grantees" and/or "Implementing Agencies".

The "**county**" will be listed as the grantee and the county agency responsible for implementing the project should be listed as the implementing agency.



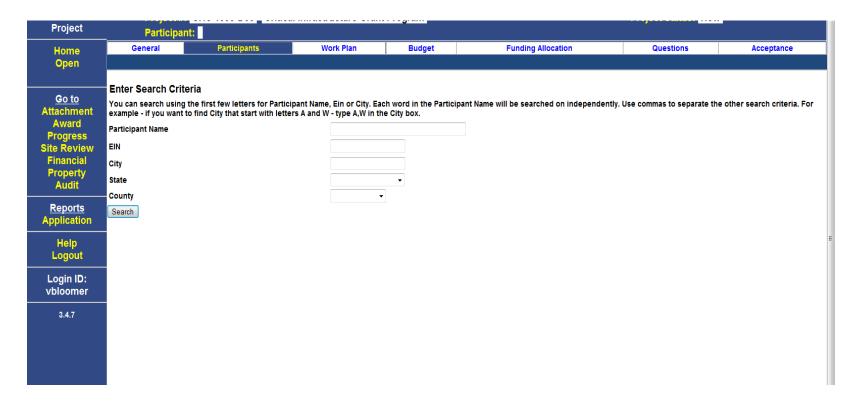
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Click Add Participant.



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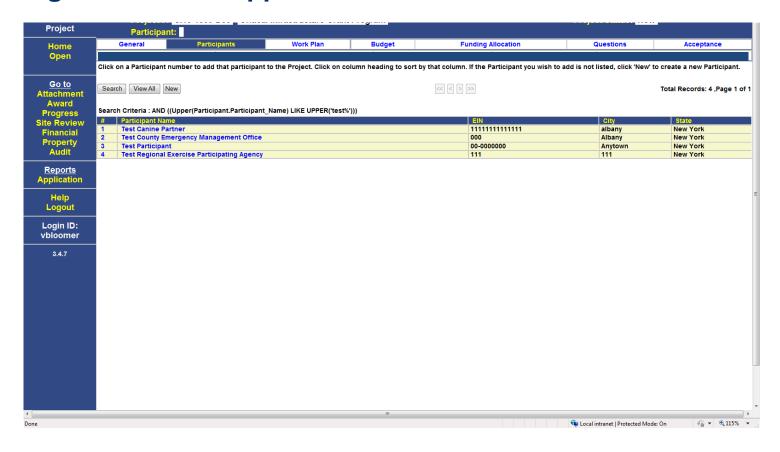


A search screen will open to search for an existing Participant. Enter full or partial name and click **OK** to search the database. If you previously applied for funding, your organization's information will be able to be retrieved using the search option.

Hint: This search engine looks for exact matches so don't be too detailed in your search.



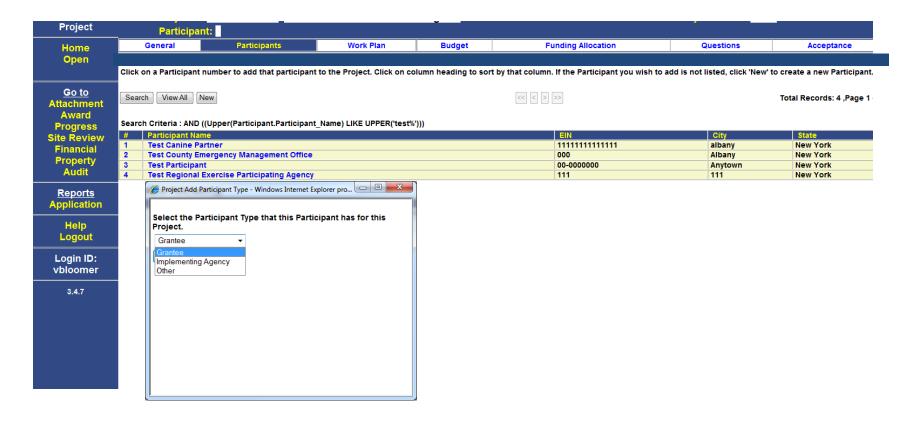
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In this example, "Test" was input into the search window providing the above list. Choose the Participant you wish to add from the returned list by clicking on the blue # to the left of the participant name.



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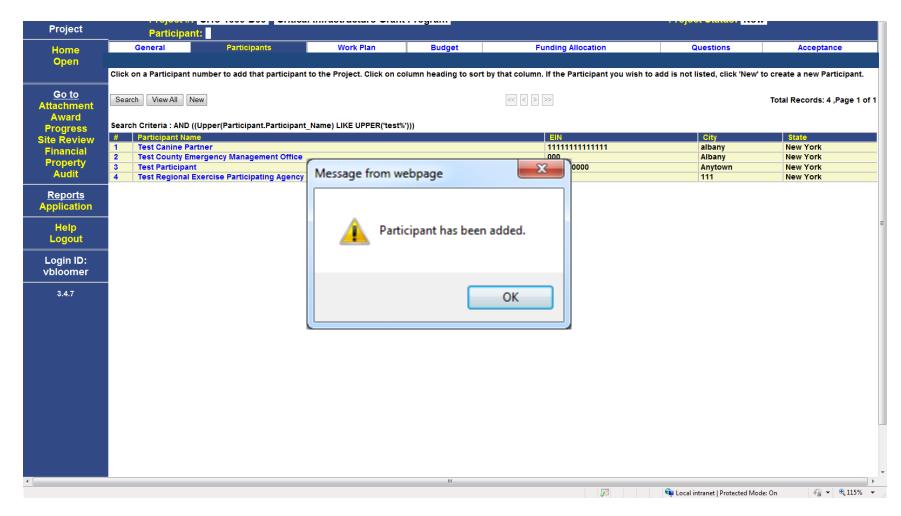


Select the appropriate participant type. The screen will refresh and click on the *Add* button.

Important: Each application must have a Grantee and an Implementing Agency.



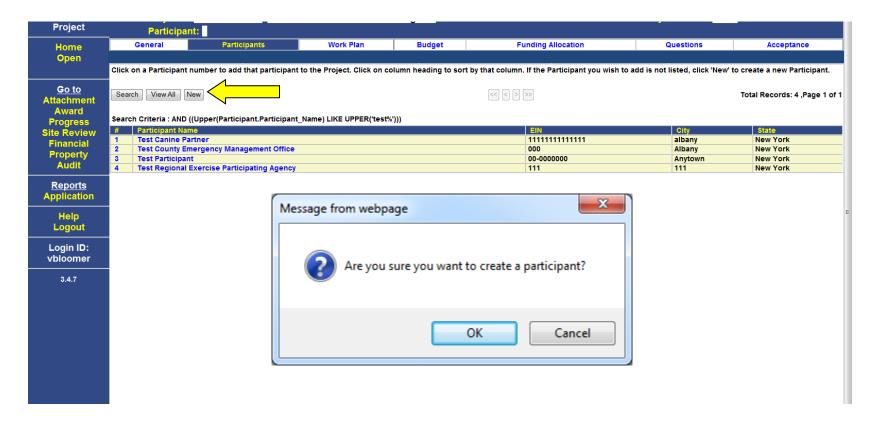
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The Participant has been added to the Project.



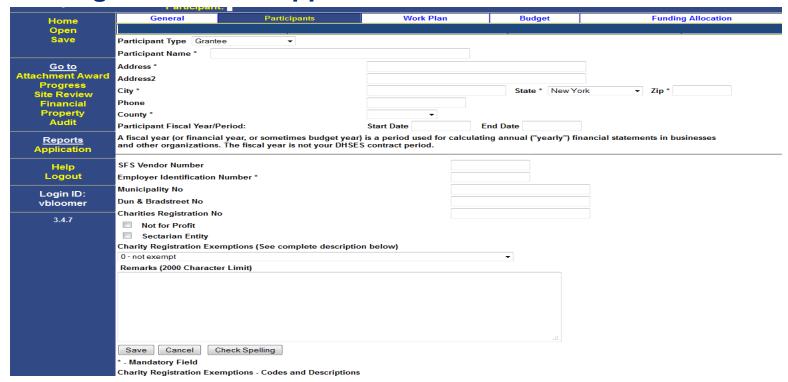
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If the participant is not in the database, you may add them by clicking the **New** button. And then **OK.** However, please **ENSURE** the participant is not already in the database to prevent duplicate entries.



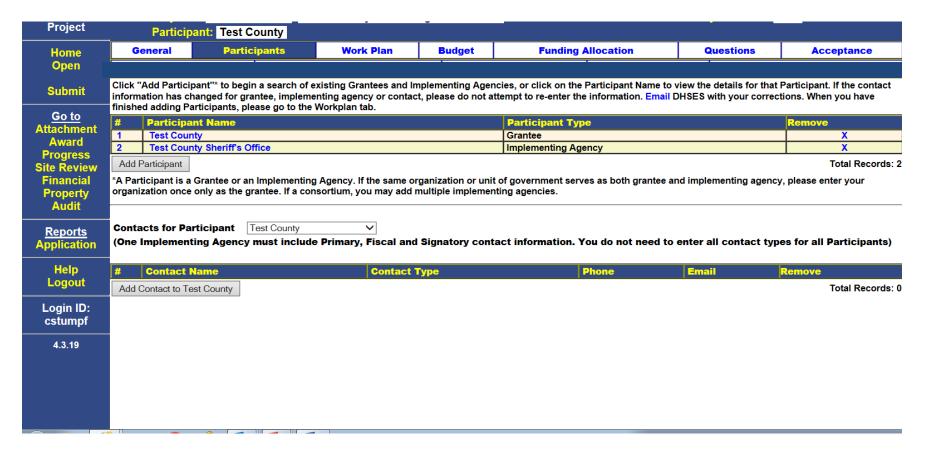
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Enter the information to add a New Participant. Required fields are: Participant Name, Address, City, State, Zip, County and Employer Identification Number, Click on the *Save* button. While SFS Vendor Number and Dun & Bradstreet Number are not mandatory, please complete those fields as well. Mandatory data must be entered before the record can be saved.

Note: If you need to update information after the records has been saved, please email grant.info@dhses.ny.gov. Do not create a new participant.

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The sample above shows a project with a grantee and implementing agency added.

Important: Each application must have a Grantee and an Implementing Agency.



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Next you will add Contacts to the Participants. E-Grants **requires** a Primary, Signatory (i.e., County Executive or Mayor) and Fiscal Contact (i.e., Treasurer). Please designate only one person as the primary contact for the grant. This person will receive all correspondence related to the grant. Both Primary and Signatory Contacts must be registered users of the E-Grants system.



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Use the drop-down box **Contacts for Participants** to select the correct participant, then click on **Add Contact to** button.



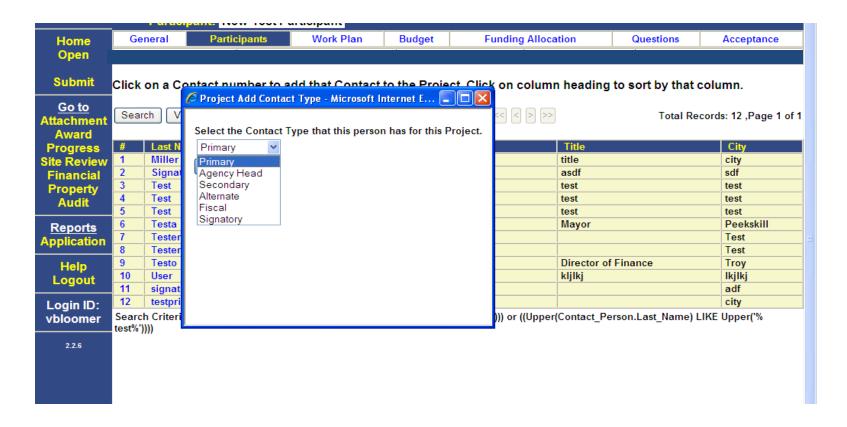
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A search screen will open to search for an existing contact. Enter partial name and click **OK** to search the database. **Hint:** This search engine looks for exact matches so don't be **too** detailed in your search. Again, if you previously applied for funding, your information will be able to be retrieved using the search option.



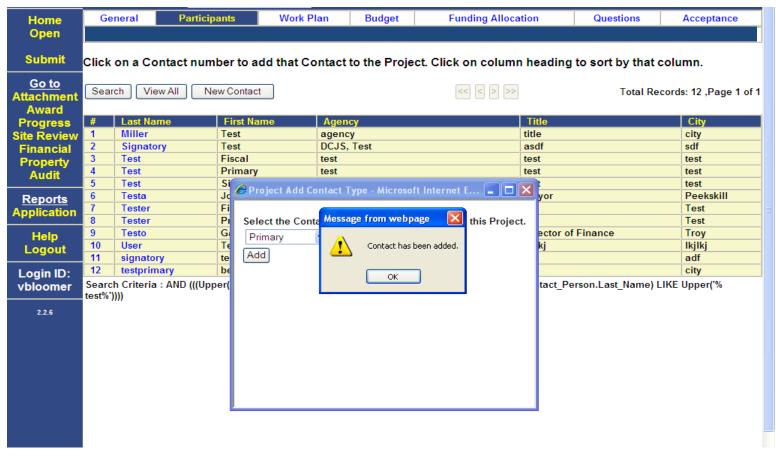
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If your contact is found in the search, click on the blue number next to the last name. A pop-up box will appear asking to select the Contact Type.



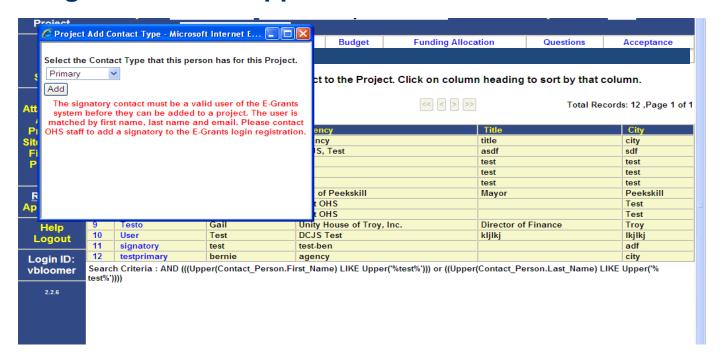
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A pop-up box will then appear letting you know the contact has been successfully added. Continue selecting and adding contacts until you are finished. Remember a Primary, Signatory and Fiscal contact must be chosen.

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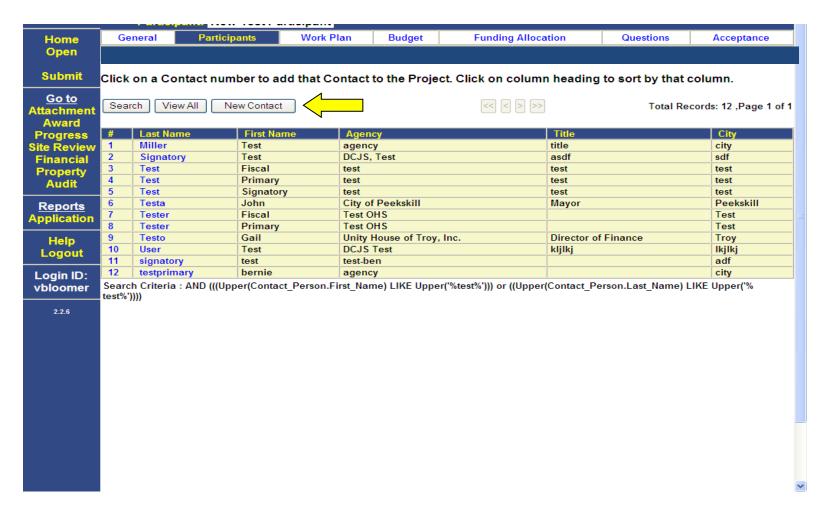
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<u>REMEMBER</u> - If the Signatory Contact you are trying to add is not a registered user of E-Grants with Signatory rights, you will get the above error message and you will not be able to add that person until they are a registered user. Please contact <u>grant.info@dhses.ny.gov</u> if you need help registering someone as a signatory. You can however continue working on other parts of your application, **but** you will not be able to submit the application without a signatory attached.



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If you need to add a new contact, click **New Contact** and the screen will refresh.



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Select the Contact type from the drop-down box (circled in red). Required fields are First Name, Last Name, Agency, Address, City, State, Zip, Email and Phone Number. Click on the **Save** button. Mandatory data must be entered before the record can be saved. Add a **new** contact only after verifying the person is not already in the system.

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This is an example of a completed Participant Tab screen.



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Generic Workplan Information

Below is the generic workplan information that you will use in the E-Grants system.

<u>Project goal</u> – To facilitate PSAP consolidation, regional initiatives related to 911 operations, implementation of NG-911, improvements in operations of public safety communications; develop multi-jurisdictional PSAP compatibility throughout the state and support statewide interoperable communications for first responders, thus improving safety of the public.

G&T Workplan Code – 14. Develop/enhance interoperable communications system.

Investment Justification – Not Applicable

<u>Objective Description</u> – To facilitate PSAP consolidation, regional initiatives related to 911 operations, implementation of NG-911, improvements in operations of public safety communications; develop multi-jurisdictional PSAP compatibility throughout the state and support statewide interoperable communications for first responders, thus improving safety of the public.

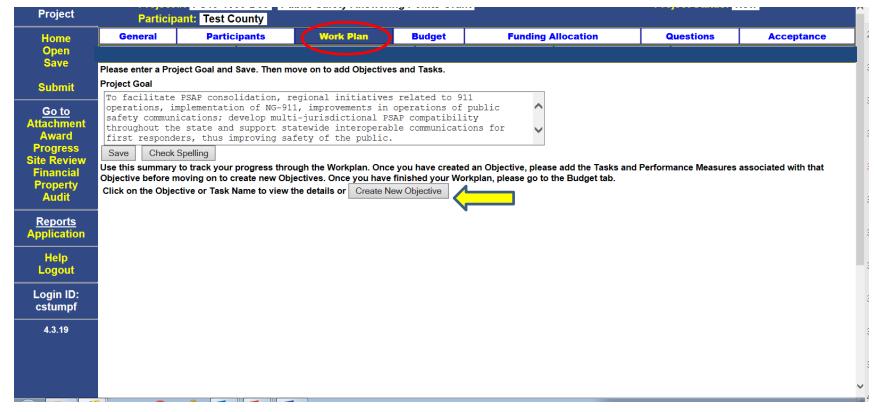
NYS Critical Capability - Not Applicable

Task - Conduct allowable PSAP operations activities.

<u>Performance Measure</u> – PSAP operations activities conducted. Provide brief narrative reporting activities completed and describe how the project enhanced interoperable capabilities in the jurisdiction.



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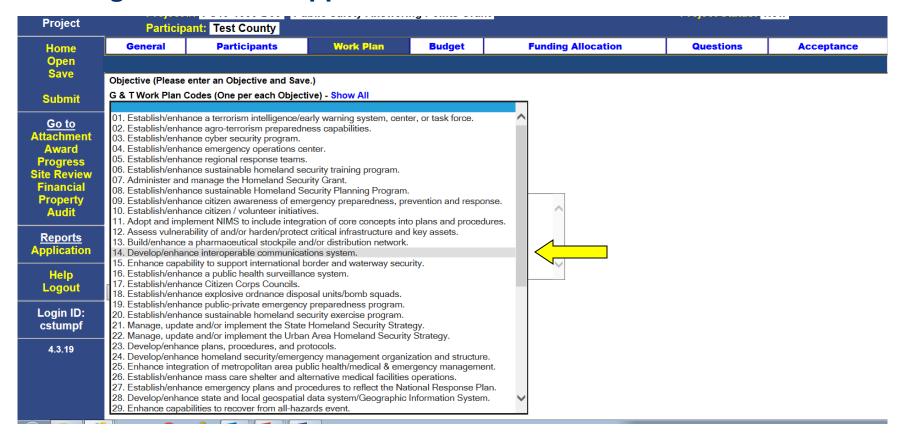


Now click the *Work Plan* Tab and enter the Project Goal. This year we are using generic information which can be found on the previous slide. Enter the exact narrative that appears on slides #31.

Once you have entered the Project Goal, click on Save. Then click on Create New Objective.



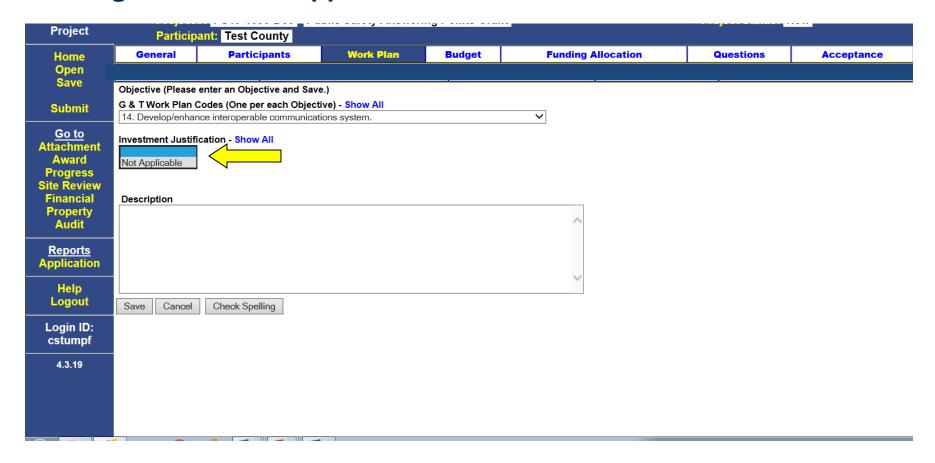
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A new screen will be generated with several drop-down boxes. Click on the *G & T Work Plan Code* box and select the correct G & T Work Plan Code (#14).



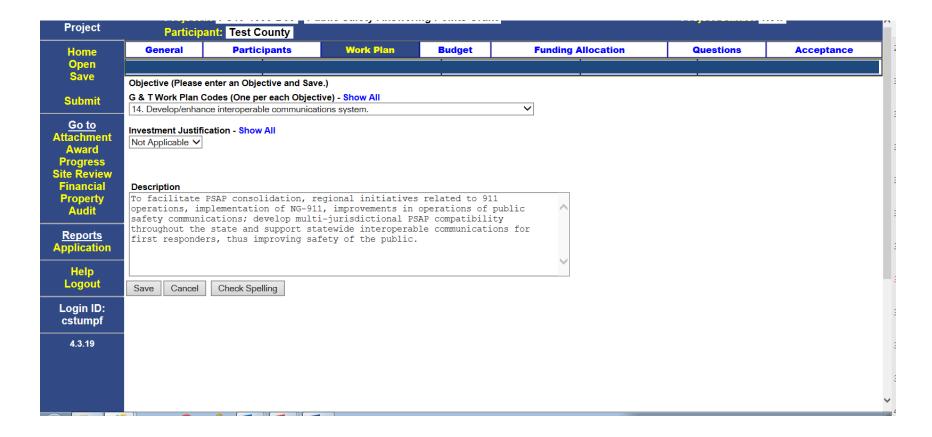
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Next click on the *Investment Justification drop down box* and select "Not Applicable".



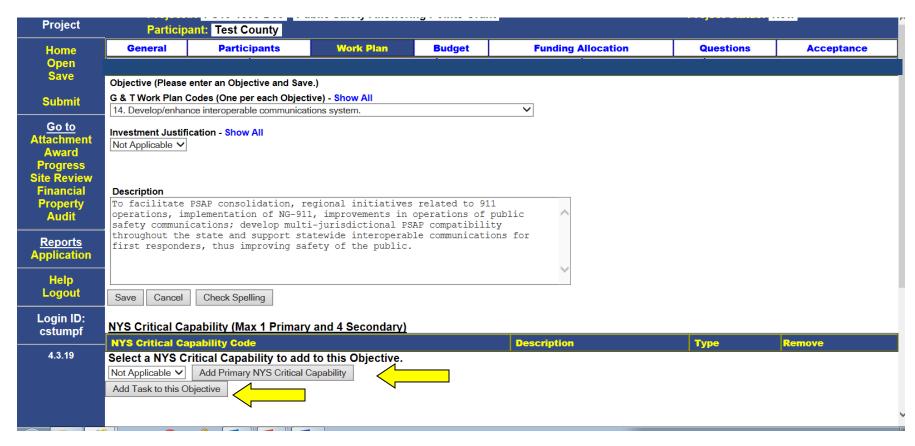
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Enter the generic Objective Description (found on Slide #31) and click on Save.



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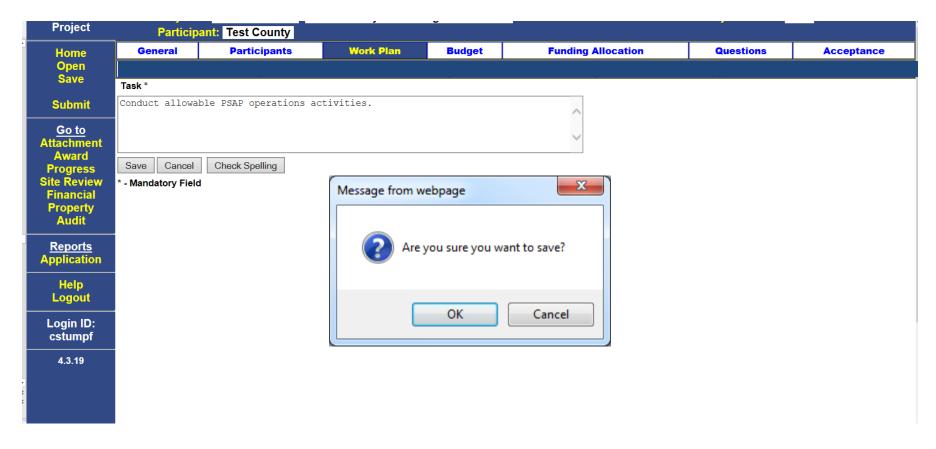


Click **Add Primary NYS Critical Capability**. The screen will refresh with a confirmation message "Are you sure you want to add this NYS Critical Capability?" Click **OK.**

Click on Add Task to this Objective.



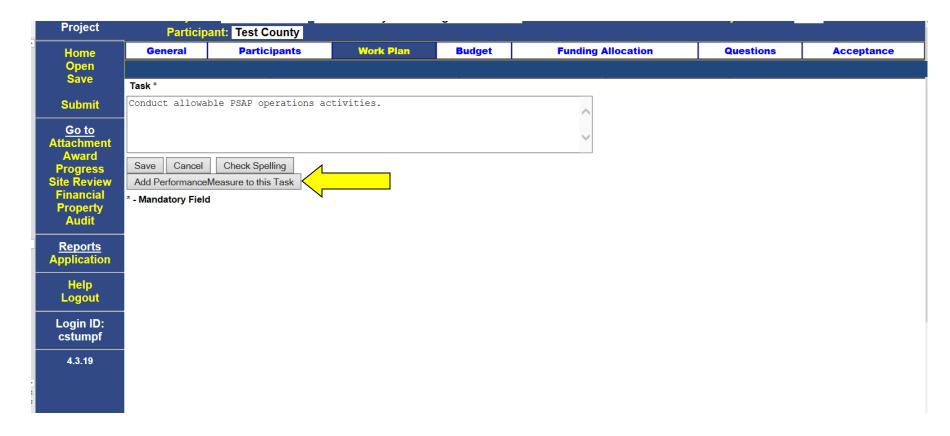
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The Task needs to be added. Enter your generic task from slide/page #31 and click on **Save.** The screen will refresh with a confirmation message "Are you sure you want to save?" and click **OK.**



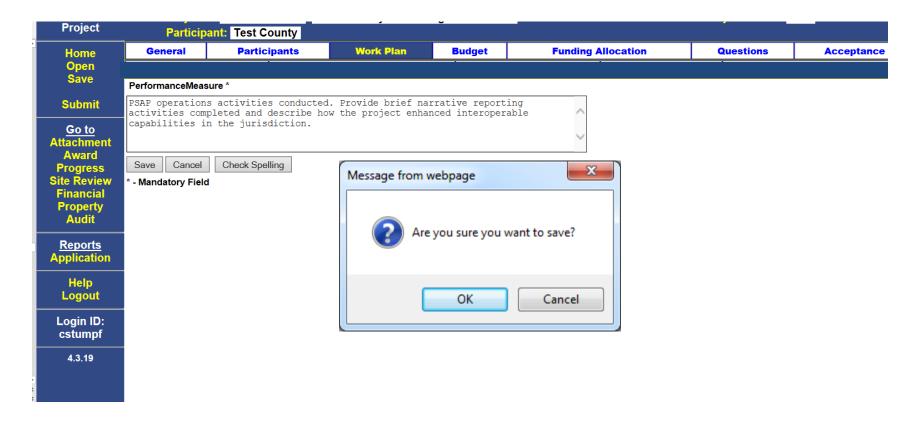
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Click on *Add Performance Measure to this Task* and enter the generic performance measure from slide/page #31.



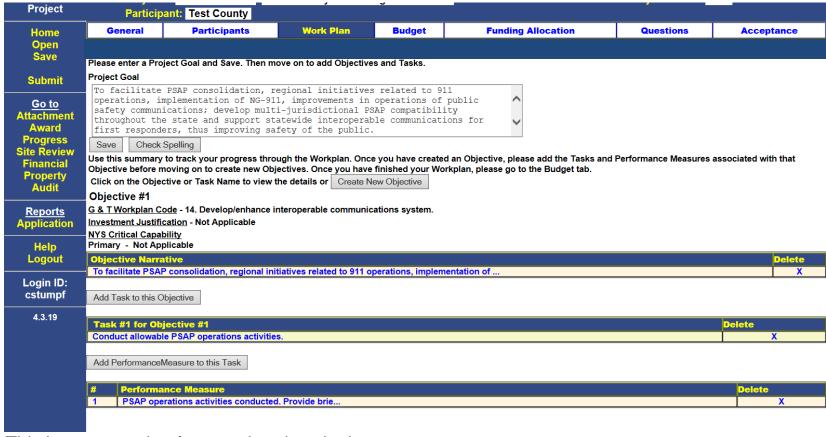
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Click on **Save.** The screen will refresh with a confirmation message "Are you sure you want to save?" and click **OK.**



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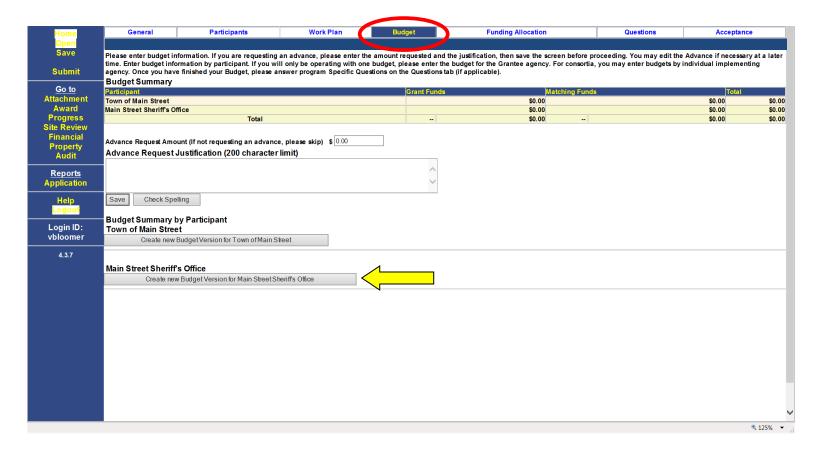


This is an example of a completed work plan.

Following the announcement of the awards, each awardee county will be sent a Budget Sheet to complete and return. Your program representative will update the workplan based on the budget information provided and add appropriate MWBE language for the final contract.



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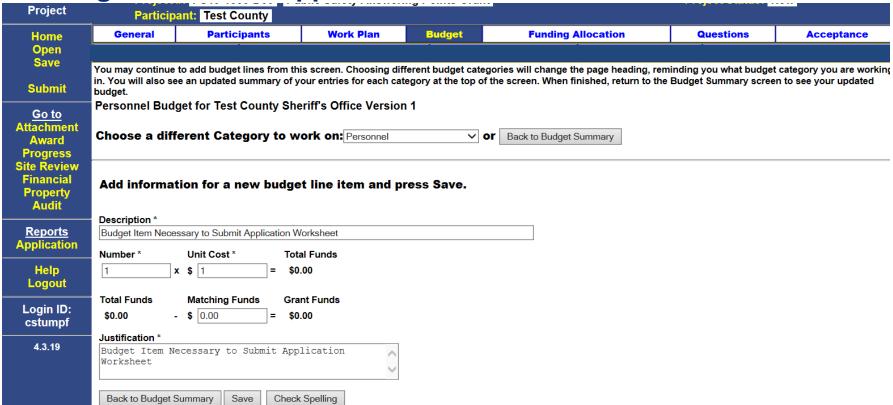


Click the **Budget** tab. You must have a participant and a completed Work Plan before you can enter a budget. Click on **Create new Budget Version for (Submitting Partner).**

Important: Your budget must be created under the Implementing Agency.



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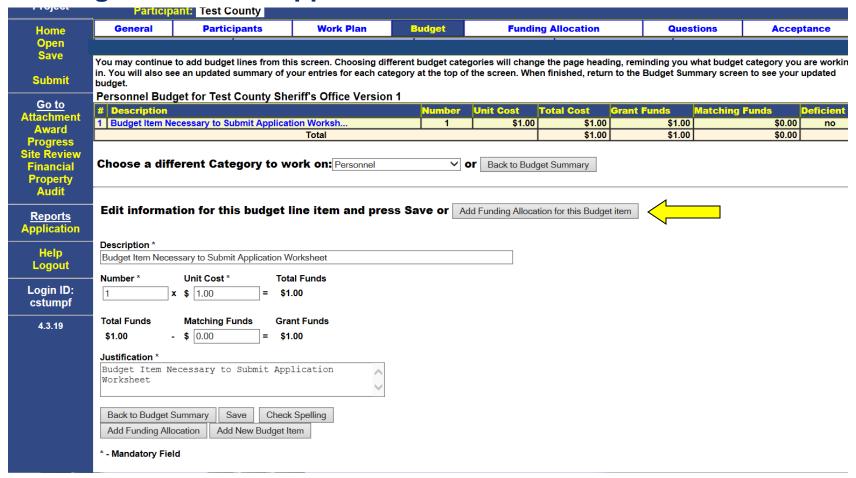


One budget item must be entered to submit the application worksheet via E-Grants. Please enter the generic budget item for \$1.00 listed above. When finished with the item click *Save*.

Following the announcement of the awards, each awardee county will be sent a Budget Sheet to complete and return. Your program representative will use the information you provide to update the budget information in E-Grants for the final contract.

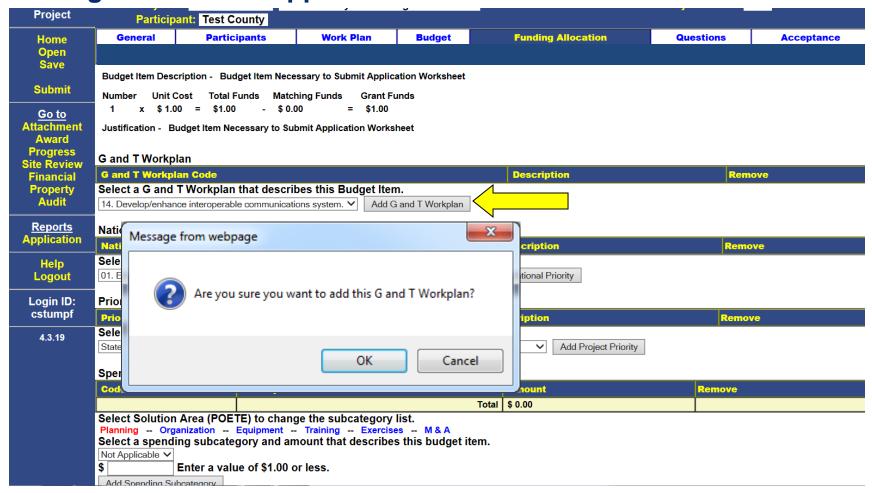
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Once you have saved the budget item, the screen will refresh, and the *Add Funding Allocation for this Budget item* icon will appear. Click on the icon. The screen will advance to Funding Allocation Tab. You must enter a budget item before you can enter funding allocation data.

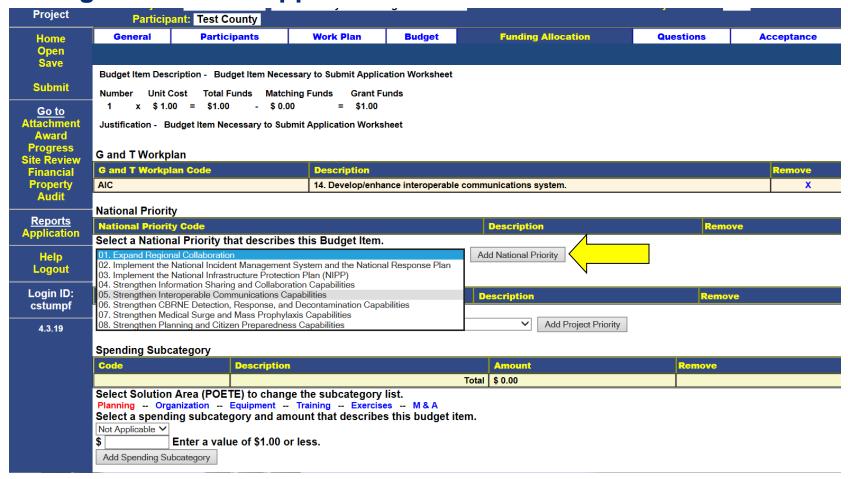
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Click on the drop-down box to select the G&T Workplan Code #14 Develop/enhance interoperable communications system. Click Add G and T Workplan. The screen will refresh with a confirmation message "Are you sure you want to add this G and T Workplan?" Click OK. Homeland Security

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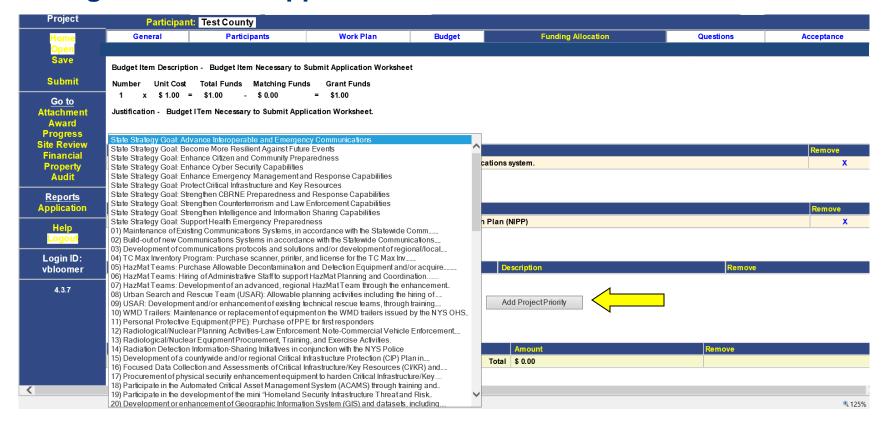
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Click on the drop-down box to select a National Priority. For this grant program choose *05.* **Strengthen Interoperable Communications Capabilities.** Click **Add National Priority** and then click **OK**.



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Click on the drop-down box to select a Priority Project. Choose *State Strategy Goal: Advance Interoperable and Emergency Communications.*

Click Add Project Priority and then click OK.



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Now you select a Spending Subcategory/Solution Area. Planning will already be selected (notice the red lettering). Enter the total dollar amount of the item (\$1.00) and click **Add Spending Subcategory.** Screen will refresh with a confirmation message "Are you sure you want to add this Spending Subcategory?" Click **OK.**



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Now you select a Spending Discipline. Planning will already be selected (notice the red lettering). Enter the total dollar value of the item (\$1.00) and click on *Add Spending Discipline*. Screen will refresh with a confirmation message "Are you sure you want to add this Spending Discipline?" Click *OK*.

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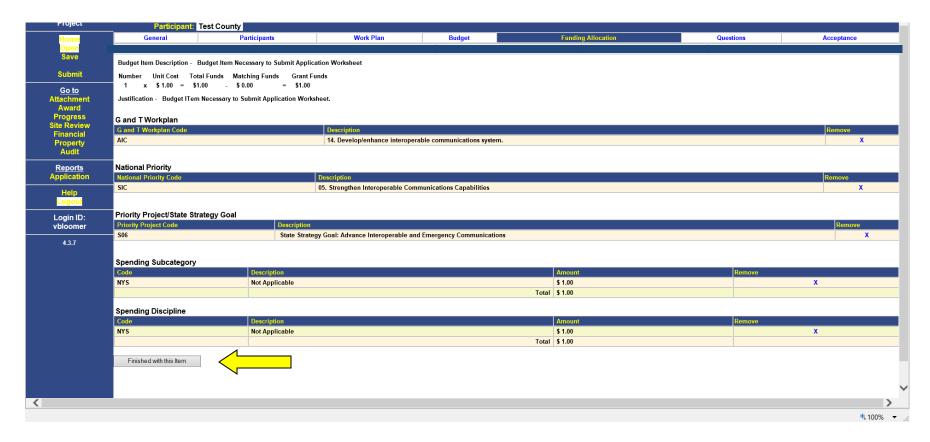
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This is an example of a completed Funding Allocation.



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Click on *Finished with this item*. The screen will refresh back to the budget tab. You need to complete both the Budget and Funding Allocations Tabs for the budget item.



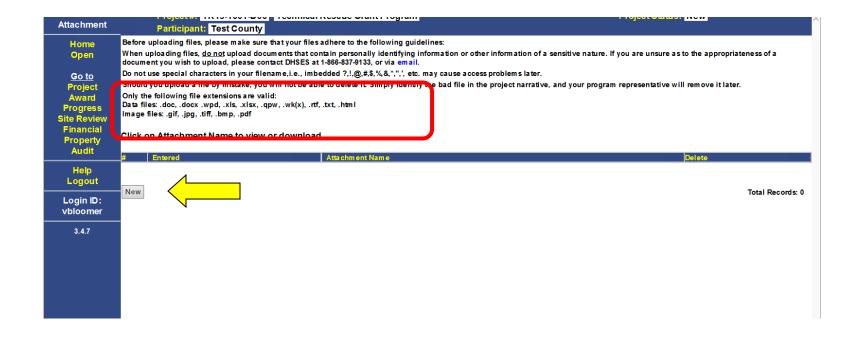
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The next step is to upload the required attachment. To add Attachments, click on *Attachment* on the left side.



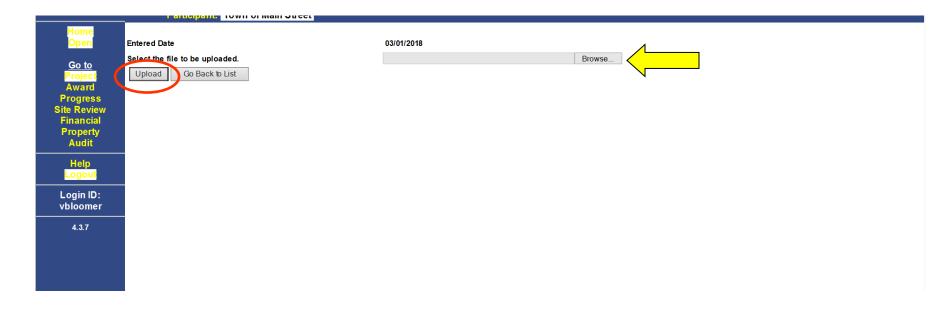
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Click on **New** to attach a file to your application. Please note the appropriate file types that can be uploaded.



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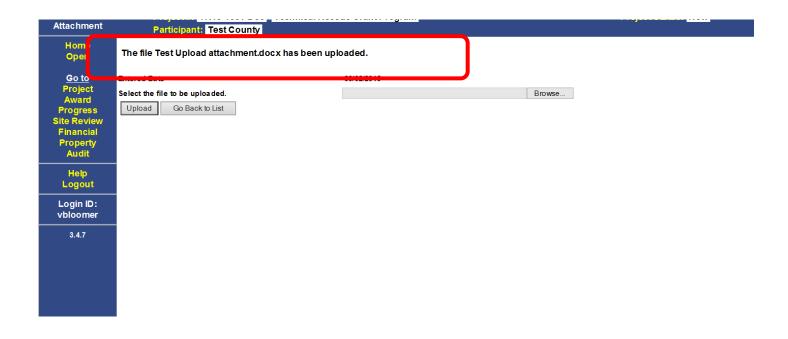


Click **Browse** to navigate to the file location and select the appropriate file. Once the file is selected, click **Upload** to send the file to E-Grants.

File names cannot have any special characters (# or *) or be more than 65 characters.



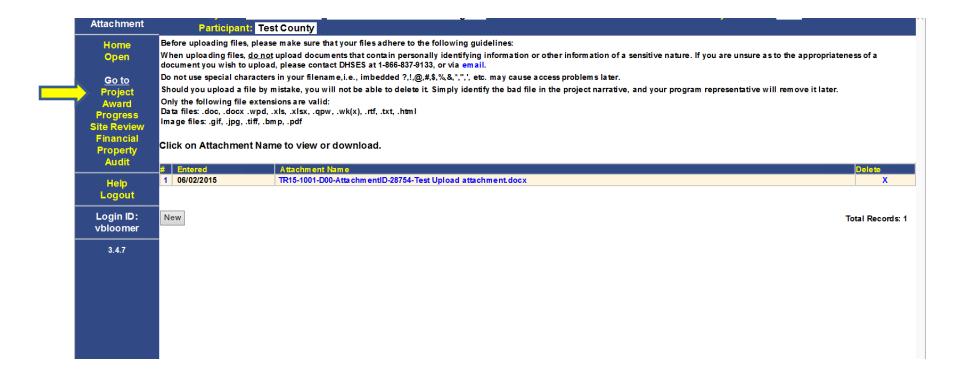
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When the file has been uploaded you will receive a confirmation. Click **Browse** to add another file or click **Go Back to List** to view the list of files that have been attached to the application.



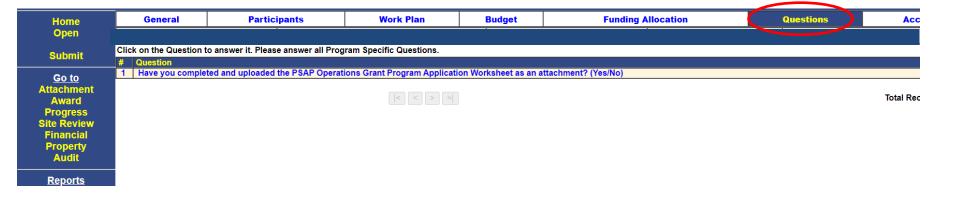
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A list of file(s) that have been attached to the application appears. You may click on the file name to view the file. Click on *Project* to go back to your application.



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Click the **Questions** tab.

Click on the question, enter your answer and click on **Save.** The question just serves as a reminder to upload the required document.



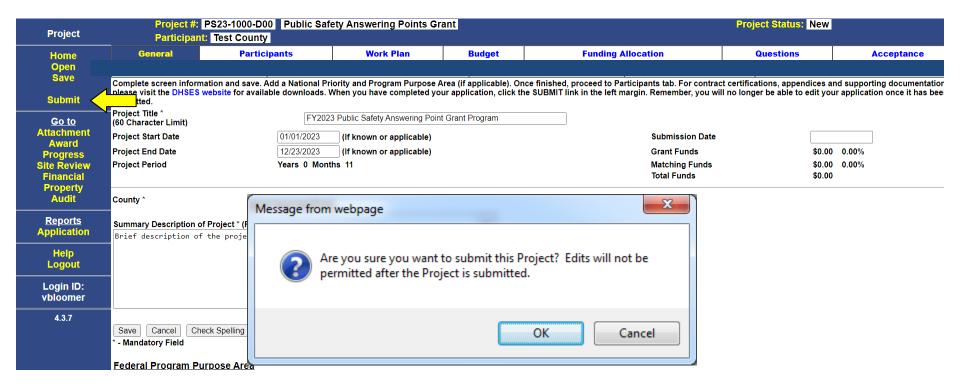
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When you go back to the list of questions, your answer will be displayed.



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When you have completed your application and attached the required documents you are ready to submit your application. Click the *Submit* button.



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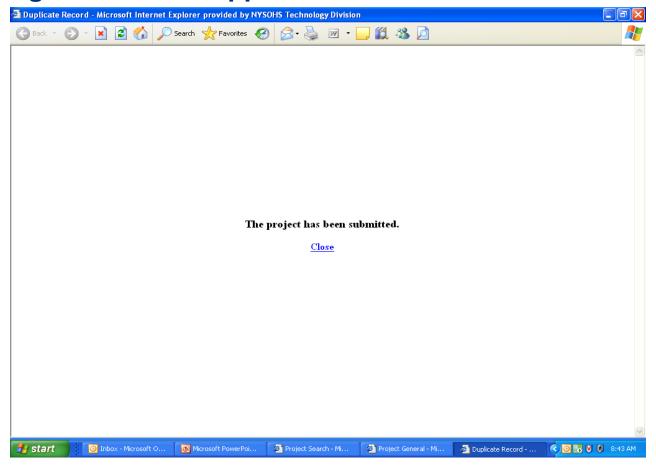
The following required fields must be completed before the project can be submitted.

Participant Address
Participant City
Participant Zip
Contact - add a Fiscal Contact
Funding Allocation - add G and T Code for budget item.
Budget Item - Tactical Entry Team Equipment

If the application *fails to submit,* E-Grants will generate a Required Fields Report (above) to guide you in finishing your application. Return to your application to enter the missing information and submit again.



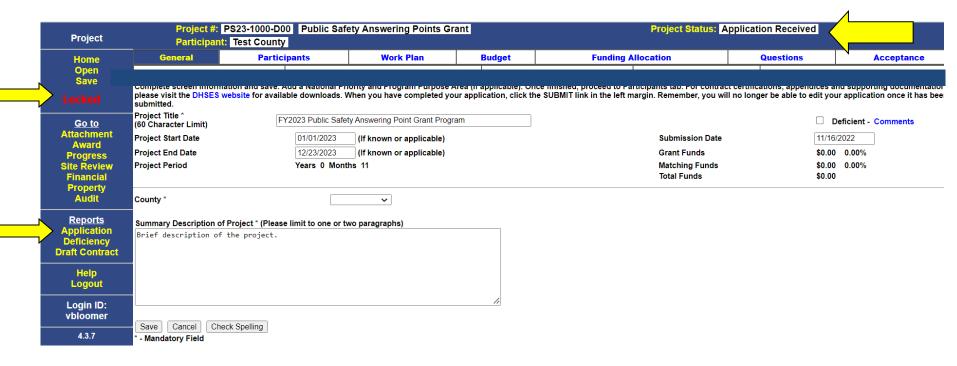
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You will receive the following message when your application is **successfully** submitted. DHSES will be notified that an application was submitted. The signatory contact will receive an e-mail that an application was submitted.

Homeland Security and Emergency Services

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Once your application is submitted, it will be locked (no further editing by the applicant) but you may still view your information. Notice the **Locked** indicator in the left frame. Also notice that the project status has changed to "Application Received". You may view and print your entire application by clicking **Application** from the left frame under Reports.



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For technical assistance you can contact our grants mailbox at grant.info@dhses.ny.gov or by calling 1-866-837-9133.

